

From: [Miller, Garyg](#)
To: [Hayter, Earl J ERDC-RDE-EL-MS](#)
Subject: RE: SJRWP
Date: Friday, November 15, 2013 8:22:00 AM

Yes, the "island" is gone; seems it was some floating root mass that washed in & then washed out.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hayter, Earl J ERDC-RDE-EL-MS [<mailto:Earl.J.Hayter@erdc.dren.mil>]
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2013 7:46 AM
To: Miller, Garyg
Subject: FW: SJRWP

Hi Gary,

Has what David says below been confirmed? I don't know if you have contact with the community member who sent that photo or not.

Earl

-----Original Message-----

From: David Keith [<mailto:dkeith@anchoragea.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 12:43 PM
To: Miller, Garyg
Cc: Valmichael Leos; Walters, Donn; Sanchez, Carlos; Hayter, Earl J ERDC-CHL-MS; Dave Moreira (dmoreira@wm.com); Phil Slowiak; Andrew Shafer; Al Axe; Sonja A. Inglin (singlin@bakerlaw.com); John Cermak; Francis Chin; Steve Ginski; Holly Samaha; Wendell Mears; John Laplante; John Verduin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: SJRWP

Gary - To follow up on our emails from yesterday, we sent Holly Samaha, an engineer from our Houston office, out to the San Jacinto Site this morning. She normally does the visual part of the quarterly inspections of the armored cap and is very familiar with the Site and its surroundings. She looked in the area referred to in the original email from you that is north of the impoundments and in other areas for anything unusual. She did not see any indication of an "island" or debris on the cap, or in any areas near the perimeter of the cap. The tide was extremely low during Holly's inspection because of a strong north wind, so if anything was there it should have been visible.

Holly took the attached photos. Photo SJ_01 shows a view looking north from the northern edge of the Western Cell, and there is no visible debris in the water. Photo SJ_02 is a view to the Northeast and shows some exposed parts of the Eastern Cell due to low tide near buoy #4. The mass near the buoy are more rocks along the perimeter of the cap, which could be seen between buoy #1 and buoy #4 this morning. The area between buoy #1 and buoy #4 is shown in Photo SJ_03, which is a view to the Southeast.

As mentioned yesterday, the photos provided by the community member looked like a piece of floating vegetative debris/root mass that may have gotten stuck on the bottom of the river near the Site, but based on our observations this morning, it appears to have moved on with the tides.



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Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any other concerns.

Thank you,

David

From: David Keith
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2013 2:58 PM
To: 'Miller, Garyg'
Cc: Valmichael Leos; Walters, Donn; Sanchez, Carlos; Hayter, Earl J ERDC-CHL-MS
Subject: RE: SJRWP

Gary - We will send someone out to take a closer look at this, but it looks like some floating vegetative debris/root mass got stuck on the bottom. You can see fresh vegetation and roots in the photo, so it doesn't seem like it would have come from underneath the armored car or be associated with it, but we will look into it further.

Thanks,

David

From: Miller, Garyg [<mailto:Miller.Garyg@epa.gov> <<mailto:Miller.Garyg@epa.gov>>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2013 2:00 PM
To: David Keith
Cc: Valmichael Leos; Walters, Donn; Sanchez, Carlos; Hayter, Earl J ERDC-CHL-MS
Subject: FW: SJRWP

David,

Just received this from the San Jacinto community; I would appreciate any comments you may wish to make on this. There will be a community meeting (not EPA) tomorrow (Wed) night, and they are very interested in this. It may be within, or just beyond, the footprint of the TCRA cap?

Thanks,

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Gary,

I have attached the photos I mentioned earlier today. Below is the caption the community member post with the photos.

"There is a new island that grew just north of the pits. I mean it is JUST north of the pits. It wasn't there until we had the south wind blow all the high tides in. Not sure what caused it but it seems kind of suspicious it is so close to the pits and so soon after a tropical south wind. The tide will go out as soon as this northern blows in Tuesday and Wednesday I will get some more pictures of it when the water is blown out. "